

ANNUAL REPORT 2017





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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE

Certainly, 2017 will be remembered as a year of transition for the Placer County Sheriff's Office. We were faced with the retirement of numerous executives, supervisors and line staff as well as the retirement of our long time Sheriff, Ed Bonner. Although he did leave the agency, he did not leave us ill prepared to face the challenge of change. Our culture, mission, and core values remain consistent. We have committed ourselves to the selection and hiring of excellent candidates and a refusal to advance mediocrity. We are well positioned to seize future opportunities and provide the highest level of service possible for our community.

As society changes around us, we will evolve and change with our community. What cannot change is our commitment to the values that have made the Placer County Sheriff's Office the outstanding agency that it is. We will conduct the public's business with the highest degree of transparency allowed and recognize that mutual accountability is essential. We will value honesty and integrity as the cornerstones of trust with our community. We will take pride in the service that we provide. We see training as an investment and not a bottom line encumbrance and recognize that this is how professionalism is ensured. Finally, we recognize the value of our people and their families. They are truly what

forms the organization and makes it great.

I want to extend my thanks to those people who worked putting together this Annual Report. I want to extend my thanks to the community that has supported us and our mission through the good times and the "not so good" times. I want to thank our partners; professional, political, and practical who help us serve our community. Finally, I want to thank the members Placer County Sheriff's Office. I could not be prouder of the men and women who are the backbone of this organization and serve with distinction.

WE WILL CONSTANTLY STRIVE TO MEET THE HIGHEST
STANDARDS OF HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.



UNDERSHERIFF'S MESSAGE

As we close out 2017, I am more impressed than ever with the men and women who make up the Placer County Sheriff's Office. This was definitely a year of change for the organization, as we saw many retirements in key leadership positions. None were more notable than the retirement of long time Sheriff Ed Bonner. Sheriff Bonner has left an indelible mark on the community and, like a true leader, built an organization and a succession plan that would continue to provide the best law enforcement service for our community long after he was gone.

The law enforcement profession continues to change, become more complex, and have increased demands. While technology continues to change the world around us, in the end, it's all about our people. Our staff make the organization what it is and they are committed to our core values, mission, and our community.

We recognize and appreciate the support of our community. During 2017, we hired new staff in nearly every assignment at the Sheriff's Office. I saw a theme develop when I would ask why they wanted to work here. Overwhelmingly, it was our relationship with the community and, in turn, the community support for the organization.

Law enforcement is a critical component to the success of our democracy and requires that our staff have the noblest of character. Therefore, we are committed to having a highly trained organization that is accountable and transparent. Placer County deserves nothing less. In order to further that goal, we made some notable changes in 2017. We created a Professional Standards Unit and a full time Training Unit. We are confident that this will enable us to continue to operate as a high functioning organization that is dedicated to service.

As I look to 2018, I cannot help but be excited about our future. We have the support of our community partners, Board of Supervisors, and allied agencies. But most of all, we have some of the most outstanding law enforcement professionals in the state. I am honored and humbled to lead the men and women of this organization, and look forward to keeping Placer County a safe place to live, work, and visit.



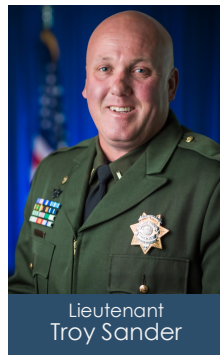
WE ARE A FAMILY CENTERED ORGANIZATION COMMITTED TO SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER.



Undersheriff Woo delivering the game ball to the Del Oro High School Honor Bowl game

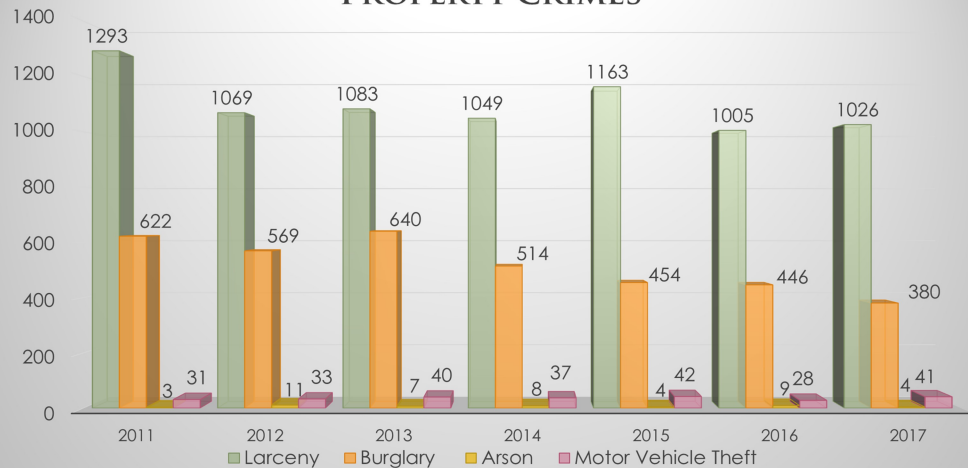
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FIELD SERVICES

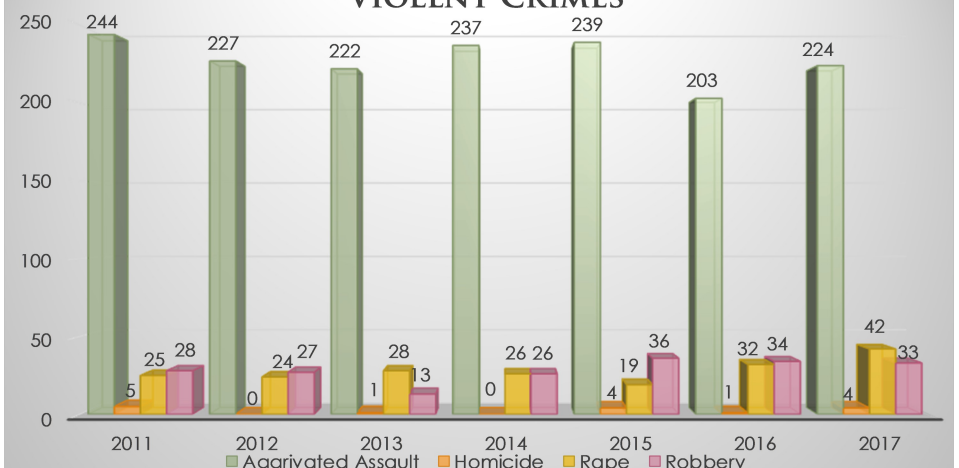


WE HAVE PRIDE IN OURSELVES AND TAKE OWNERSHIP OF OUR WORK.

PROPERTY CRIMES

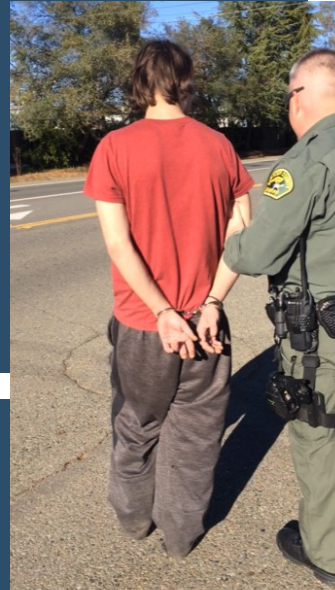


VIOLENT CRIMES



HIGH PROFILE WIN FOR PLACER COUNTY

In December 2016, the Placer County Sheriff's Office was made aware that Dariel Shazier, a sexually violent predator, was being considered for placement in rural Placer County by the Department of State Hospitals. The Sheriff's Office opposed the placement, and Detective Scott Alford was selected to lead the opposition. Shazier's criminal and incarceration history were investigated. Additionally, Alford coordinated a door-to-door campaign, notifying residents in the area of the proposed placement, and found vital information to help build the case. An informational packet was put together to serve as opposition for placement and it was presented to the Santa Clara County Superior Court in San Jose on February 27, 2017. The court ruled in our favor, stating that the placement of Shazier in Placer County would not be appropriate. This was a major victory for the citizens of Placer County.



PROPERTY CRIMES

One of the highest-profile cases handled by detectives in the Property Crimes Unit was the arrest of a local woman who had embezzled money from many local schools and youth sports groups.

The woman used her employer's credit cards to pay her bills, then forged her employer's name in an attempt to open a line of credit. After detectives questioned her and she was arrested, our Facebook post caught the attention of Newcastle PTC where she was a volunteer in addition to being a treasurer for three additional non-profit organizations. She was prosecuted in Placer County as a first offense and received one year jail time, five years of probation, and ordered to pay back more than \$100,000 to the victims.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Marijuana enforcement proved to be very labor-intensive due to the immense increase in the number of small private property grows. Each grow required the need to verify the presence of plants with aircraft, the filing of complaint paperwork, data entry, and coordination with Placer County Code Enforcement for safely noticing and inspecting the properties. In 2017, 10,135 marijuana plants were eradicated, 74 grow sites were investigated, 114 pounds of processed marijuana was seized, and 7 weapons were seized. Additionally Special Operations worked closely with the DEA in the seizure of 46 pounds of methamphetamine, as well as the seizure of two Placer County homes directly tied to an Asian drug trade organization.





CORRECTIONS

On September 23, 2017, the 468-bed South Placer Jail (SPJ) facility completed final transitions and became fully operational with the opening of booking facilities to all allied law enforcement agencies. The two Placer County correctional facilities are staffed by approximately 260 employees.

Our Auburn facility has been expanded over the years and currently houses 386 inmates. A current remodel of Housing Unit 3 is underway to facilitate planned programming. Programming is meant to be one of the final steps in our re-entry program back into society. The hope is that by providing our inmates with life skills, educational programs and rehabilitation, they will succeed and not re-offend. New technology has been incorporated into the daily operations of the Auburn Jail, including video visitation capability. With the installation of internet-capable kiosks, inmates within the facility can arrange to have their visiting time with loved ones by streaming live video. This saves travel time for loved ones and allows a visitor to conduct a visit onsite at the facility, or offsite from anywhere. This also reduces the possibility of contraband being brought into the facility.

The Sheriff's Office was awarded state financing from SB 863 and SB 844 legislation for two new projects that will be complete in mid 2020 at the South Placer Jail. These projects include a 45-bed mental health unit to manage the growing and complex mentally ill inmate population, and a 120-bed instructional and vocational training facility.

Several training sessions were completed for current and new staff. Nearly 150 corrections staff members participated in two types of Crisis Intervention Training (CIT); 26 new officers completed the jail training program (JTO); and three in-house academies graduated 41 officers to prepare them for their new careers. Placer County Sheriff's Office correctional staff received an average of 48 hours of training this year, surpassing the state mandated 24 hours of training per year.



Auburn
Corrections
Captain
Darrell Steinhauer



South Placer
Corrections
Captain
Don Hutchinson



Lieutenant
Andrew Scott



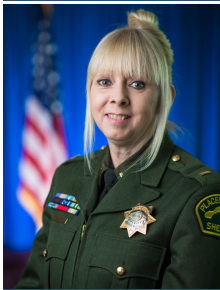
Lieutenant
John Savage



Lieutenant
Alfredo Guitron



Lieutenant
Kelly Leitzell



Lieutenant
Carol Walsh



ALL SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEMBERS WILL TREAT EACH OTHER WITH DIGNITY,
COURTESY AND RESPECT, REGARDLESS OF POSITION OR ASSIGNMENT.
THIS LEADS TO THE IDENTICAL TREATMENT OF THE PUBLIC WE SERVE.

CORRECTIONS CONTINUED

COURT SECURITY

In 2017, the Gibson Courthouse, located at the Santucci Justice Center in Roseville was visited by more than 200,000 citizens. Nearly 36,000 citizens visited the Auburn Historic Courthouse. These visits ranged from criminal court to civil court to the legal self-help desk! With that many customers coming through the Magnetometer and X-ray station, we seize all sorts of unusual items, one of which was a "Hello Kitty" brass knuckles toy.

With the opening of booking in the South Placer Jail, there are more court remands and arraignments. Having booking nearby has streamlined our ability to process inmates in a more timely fashion. In addition, 2017 brought funding for the Dept. 20 arraignment court adjacent to the South Placer Jail, which is currently being constructed and has an opening date of September, 2018.

Notable 2017 trials included that of Sammy Duran, who was ultimately sentenced to 70 years to life for three counts of attempted murder on peace officers. Another notable 2017 case was a change of venue which brought the trial of Cherie Rhoades of Alturas to our Placer County Courts. Cherie was convicted and sentenced to death for the 2014 murders of 4 people and injury of 2 others at the Cedarville Rancheria Tribal Headquarters.



TRANSPORTATION



In 2017, 8,494 inmates were transported a total of 224,899 miles. Inmates were transported to numerous locations, including all courts within Placer County, to both jail facilities, medical appointments, court appearances in other jurisdictions and state hospitals. When necessary inmates are also transported in Eagle II, our Piper Navajo twin airplane, manned by the PCSO flight crew.

Transportation is also responsible for the oversight of the day-to-day medical needs of our inmate population. There were several long-term/high-care inmates that needed to go to appointments three-to seven-times a week.

Sixteen overnight extraditions to various states were completed in 2017. Deputies traveled to Texas three times, Arizona and Chicago twice, and once to Washington, Florida, New Jersey, Mississippi, Oregon, Colorado and Nevada.

INMATE PROGRAMS

At the close of the 2017 school term, dozens of Auburn inmates completed satisfactory participation in adult basic education, current affairs, and grammar proficiency. A new course in video storytelling was added, which combines technical video editing with music scores to create unique individual projects. Skills learned in this course are targeted as transferable job market abilities.

Starting in 2013, a highly collaborative effort began between the Auburn Jail and the Placer County Library system to provide tutoring services to the Auburn inmate population to combat the high illiteracy rates within the jail population. Since 2013, the steady rise in the number of inmates being assisted with reading skills has born fruitful results at both jails, including the first inmate to go from a third-grade reading level in 2016, to completing and receiving his General Education diploma prior to release in 2017.

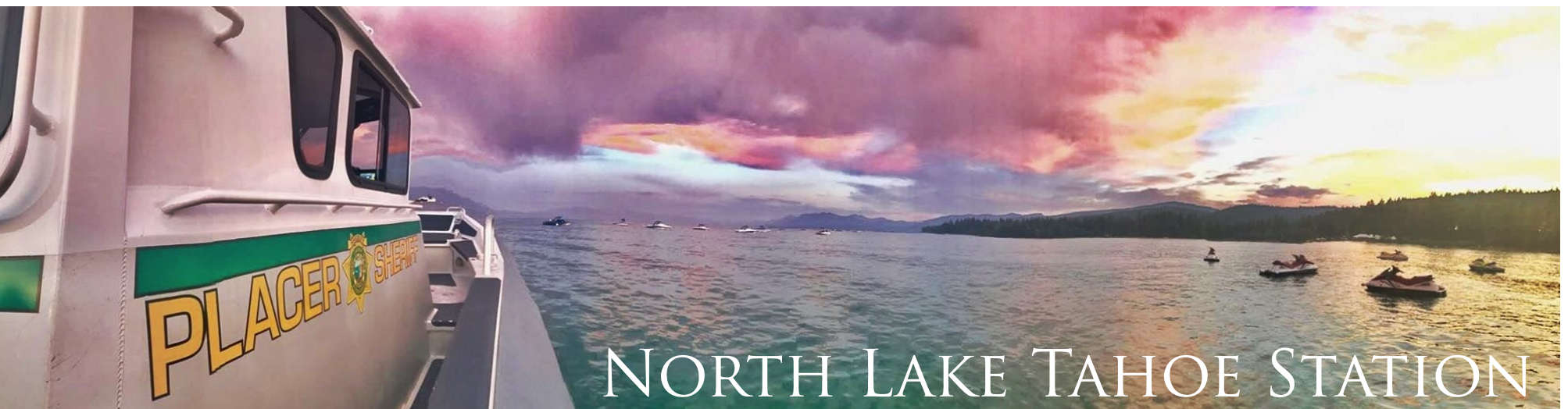
Inmate programs continue to expand as the inmate population serves longer terms in county facilities. During the spring and fall semesters, 459 inmates completed single subject (math, English, science, or history) six-week adult basic education courses, and 22 inmates received their GEDs. Programs include numerous opportunities for inmates including: non-profit self-help group therapies; religious services; coordination with county, state, and federal support agencies; and substance abuse housing



programs. Inmates positively impact the community through projects like sewing capes for service puppies, dog vests, and backpacks for non-profit organizations.

SPJ houses 120 inmate workers who are eligible to participate in several inmate education programs: outside work crews such as roadside clean-up in cooperation with Caltrans; and community clean-up activities on county and city properties. These inmate workers also provide

a daily workforce to produce more than 2,200 meals each day for both Placer County jails and the Probation Department's juvenile detention facility. In cooperation with the contracted food services provider, these inmates also produce a limited number of meals for community outreach programs for seniors. Many other daily operations, such as all laundry services, are completed by inmate workers at SPJ.



NORTH LAKE TAHOE STATION

The Tahoe station took possession of a new communications vehicle during 2017. This vehicle serves as an upgraded communications platform to better support the varied missions the Sheriff's Office performs in the Tahoe basin. The primary purposes are to provide additional radio coverage in support of search and rescue operations, disaster, and critical weather events. These events can often compromise communications. In addition, the new communications vehicle will support large, organized events where tactical dispatchers are used to support field operations, such as the 3rd and 4th of July.



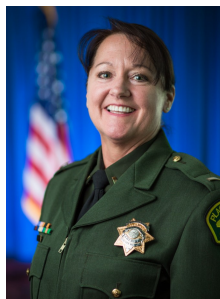
WE ARE INVOLVED IN OUR COMMUNITY
AND SEEK TO BECOME A PART OF THE WORLD WE SERVE.



North
Lake Tahoe
Captain
Dennis Walsh



Lieutenant
Jason Lockhart



Lieutenant
Michelle Baxter

UNIQUE AND BEAUTIFUL LAKE TAHOE

The Tahoe station's patrol unit handled a little over 13,700 calls for service in 2017. In addition to assisting a population of about 14,000 full-time residents, Lake Tahoe brings in an estimated 1.2m vacationers to the community



annually. The 46 full time staff members provide services in patrol, investigations, records, evidence, and the transport and housing of court prisoners. Due to the frequent inclement weather as well as the attraction of world class outdoor recreation, our North Tahoe station manages and oversees a number of specialized public

safety programs. This includes Search and Rescue, patrol boat operations on Lake Tahoe, dive teams certified in both high altitude diving as well as ice diving, an off-road vehicle program and bike patrol.



The 2016-17 Sierra storms resulted in record snow amounts, downed utility lines and poles; resulting in power outages, downed and damaged trees, and avalanche dangers. The precipitation totals exceeded those in recorded history with 89.7 inches of water. While the 47.6 feet of snowfall on Donner Summit was not the highest on record, the "Snowmageddon" or "Snowpocalypse" defined our operations for months.



SUPPORT SERVICES



Support Services
Captain
David Powers



Lieutenant
Jeff Swearingen



Dispatcher McNamara

DISPATCH

In 2017, the Dispatch Center experienced an overall four percent increase in 911 calls with a five percent reduction in business line and outgoing telephone calls. Wireless 911 (cellular) calls accounted for 72 percent of the overall workload. In California, 80 percent of 911 calls originate from a wireless device. The state's 911 Branch policy mandates that 95 percent of incoming 911 calls are answered within 15 seconds; In 2017, 97.10 percent of our 9-1-1 calls were answered within 15 seconds.

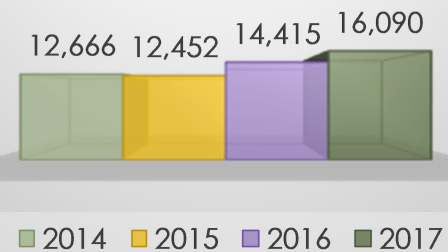
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

The first-ever Placer County Sheriff's Professional Standards Unit was implemented in 2017. This unit consists of a sergeant and two detectives who are assigned a vast and varied range of responsibilities. They are tasked with sensitive administrative investigations, policy development/review, critical incident response, post-critical incident management, early intervention efforts, leadership development, and recruitment. The unit is also tasked with managing BlueTeam software, which allows us to enter commendations, use of force incidents, Department of Justice-mandated reporting incidents, and supervisory notes on employee performance.



(L-R) Deputy Laughlin, Sgt. McKenzie, Deputy Gray

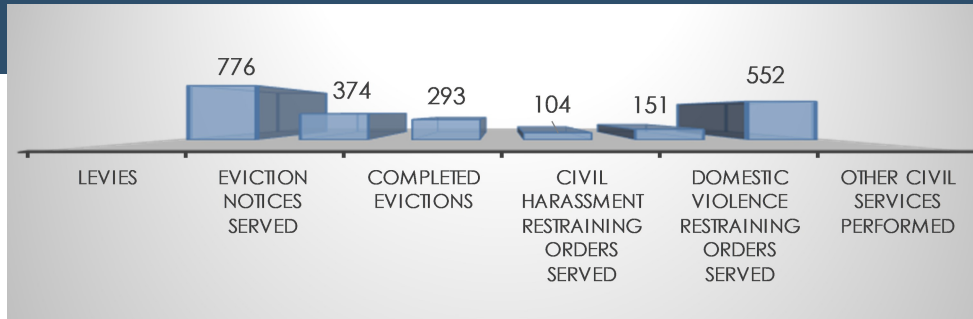
EVIDENCE ITEMS BOOKED



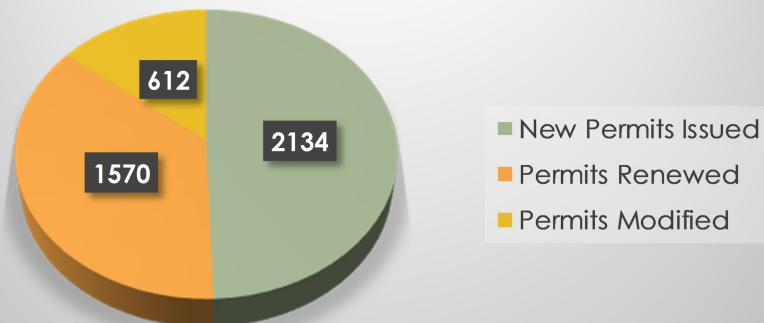
WE WILL ACHIEVE PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE THROUGH CONTINUAL TRAINING, EDUCATION AND COMMITMENT TO OUR DUTIES.

CIVIL DIVISION

The Sheriff's Office is obligated to obey orders of California State Courts, and to serve processes and notices delivered to us for service. These duties are handled by the men and women of the Civil Division. The enforcement of court-ordered judgments is accomplished through a levy – where the Sheriff seizes property. These can take the form of wage garnishments, seizure of bank accounts, vehicles, vessels, personal property, or real estate. The seized property is either turned over or sold at a Sheriff's auction. In addition to levies, the Civil Division also serves and enforces other court documents such as restraining orders, bench warrants, and summons. Over \$2.2 million was collected in levies and fees in 2017.



CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMITS



TRAINING

Support Services observed challenges with consistency in training between all divisions at the Sheriff's Office; this was addressed in 2017 by adding a sergeant to the training unit, in addition to the already existing deputy allocation. A correctional officer was added to the unit as a liaison to the Corrections Division and to improve cohesion

between Field Operations and Corrections.



Some of the new training initiated was the integration of fire/emergency medical services embedding

with deputies to respond more quickly during active shooter incidents. The purpose of the training is to escort fire/emergency medical service personnel into the "warm zone" during an active scene to quickly treat and remove victims to a more stable environment for further treatment of their injuries.



California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requires 24 hours of in-service training spread over a two-year training cycle. The Placer County Sheriff's Office training unit regularly exceeded POST requirements by providing more than 120 hours to our

deputies over the same period.

SUPPORT SERVICES CONTINUED

MOBILE COMMAND VEHICLE

Our state-of-the-art Mobile Command Vehicle (MCV) is equipped with a mobile dispatch station, command room, 4 slide-outs and a touch screen automatic deployment system and was delivered on August 31, 2017. Our new MCV is a high-tech mobile PCSO satellite station that enhances communication, continuity, and efficiency. It provides our personnel and partners with a common workspace, while reducing the workload of our primary resources during significant events.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The Information Technology (IT) Unit in the Support Services Division of the Placer County Sheriff's Office continues to support our agency with modern solutions that help staff make efficient use of technology while complying with security policies. In the last year, the IT Unit helped design and implement the new technologically advanced Mobile Command Vehicle, replaced more than 90 mobile data computers in patrol vehicles, installed new GPS mapping systems in patrol vehicles to improve officer safety, deployed new mobile ID biometric readers to allow patrol deputies to positively identify suspects in the field, and implemented video conferencing systems to allow joint briefings and minimize travel.



CORONER'S DIVISION

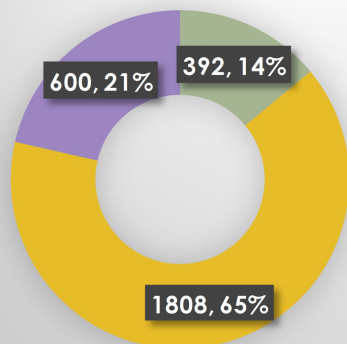
In 2017, we were fortunate to hire Dr. Kelly Kobylanski as our new forensic pathologist. She replaced Dr. Hendrickson upon his retirement.



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Kobylanski has a biology degree from San Francisco State University. She taught elementary school and

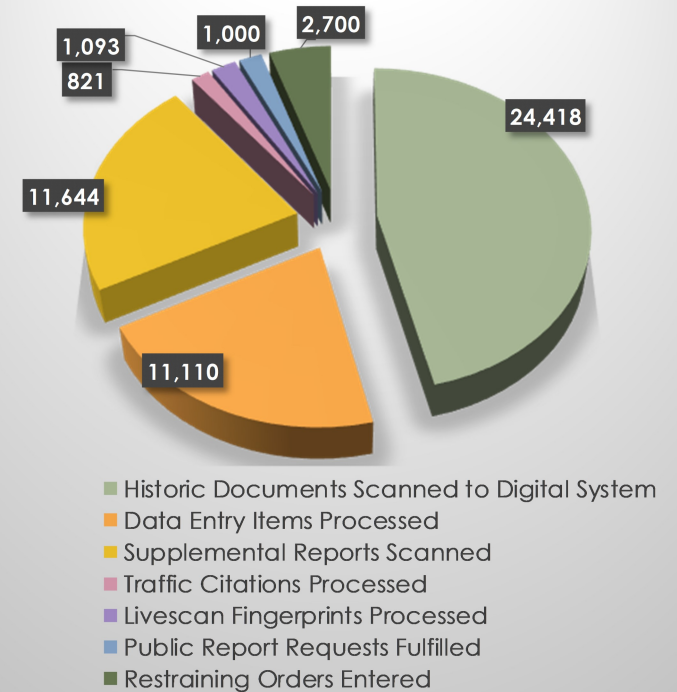
middle school for a few years until she decided it was never too late to follow her dream. She is double board certified in anatomic pathology and forensic pathology. She started working in Sacramento County in 2015 and was there until March of 2017 when she made "the best decision ever to come to Placer County."



- Sudden & Unexpected Full Coroners Cases Investigated by Forensic Pathologist
- Death Certificates Processed Through Electronic Reporting System
- Natural Deaths As Determined by Investigating Deputy Coroner

RECORDS

Twelve full time and three part-time staff members processed and maintained all reports for the Placer County Sheriff's Office. Together they hold the primary responsibility for the release of information. The unit weighs the careful balance between the public's right to know and a person's right to privacy.

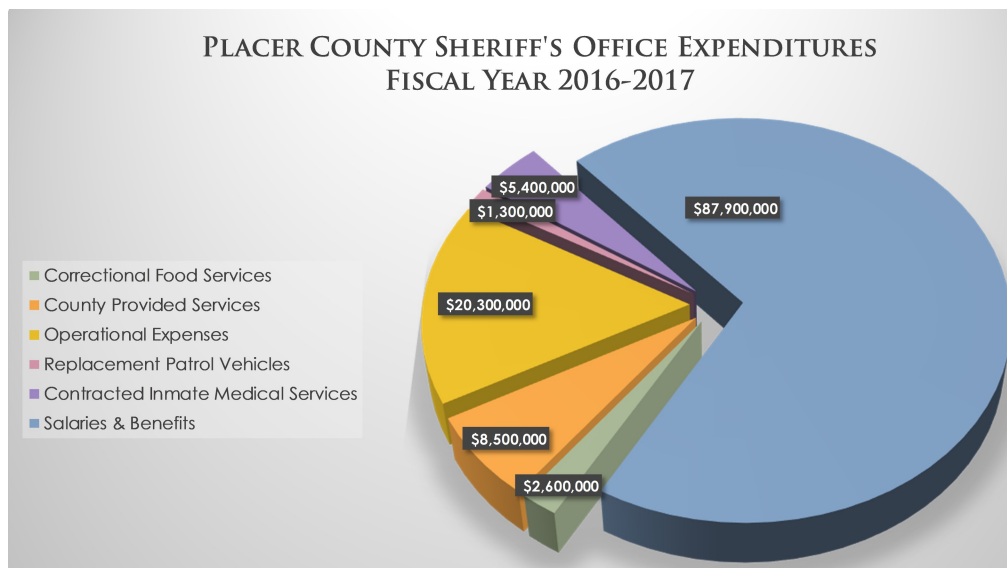


FLEET SERVICES

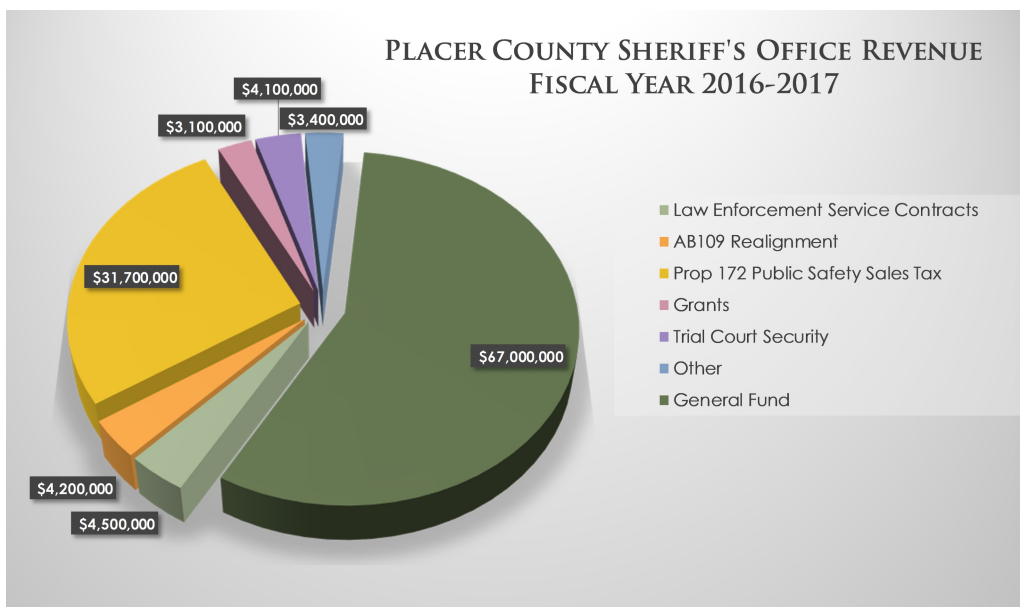
Fleet Services is responsible for the acquisition, up-fitting, maintenance and repair of more than 350 pieces of equipment. In 2017, the staff of four completed more than 3,000 work orders for repairs and maintenance and 46 new vehicle builds in-house. The ability for fleet to design, cut and install our patrol vehicle striping saved in excess of \$50,000 in 2017.



FISCAL MANAGEMENT & HUMAN RESOURCES



MANAGEMENT AND SUBORDINATES ARE MUTUALLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE.



Legal Clerk Randall & Sergeant
McKenzie at a recruiting event

YOUTH & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

The School Resource Officers (SRO) are responsible for safety and security of students and faculty on 36 school campuses throughout the county. Through educational presentations, counseling sessions, and daily interactions, SRO's positively impacted the lives of 16,120 school students in 2017.

In 2017, the unit participated in more than 61 community events including the Community Awareness Academy, Ride with Pride, the Special Olympics Torch Run, National Night Out, Day with a Deputy, Every 15 Minutes, and The Right Choice.

Community Services Officers coordinated all of these program and presented at many Neighborhood Watch meetings, and taught SAFE school classes.



Ride with Pride

PSAL

PLACER SHERIFF'S ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

In 2017, the full-time Placer Sheriff's Activities League (PSAL) deputy lead after-school activities three days a week, where there are currently 106 kids registered, ages 8-17. They play sports, do homework, go on field trips, and much more. PSAL affords the children an opportunity to interact with deputies in a positive light. The summer program also operates three days a week.



Deputy Parkes and Community Services Officer Walker with PSAL youth



Deputy Parkes at the 2017 EV Cain Graduation with one of the PSAL youth and his family



Community Services Officer Walker at a local school

THE RIGHT CHOICE

The middle-school drug education program, The Right Choice, is a continued success, with more than 700 students attending the anti-drug presentation in 2017. Administrators, teachers, and parents speak very highly of the program, which is coordinated by Special Operations detectives from Auburn investigations.

SPECIAL TEAMS

SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

The Sheriff's social media efforts really took off in 2017. Our social media team now includes members from every station and division in the Sheriff's Office. The goal of our social media program is to highlight what the Sheriff's Office is doing in our communities, providing transparency in our operations, and connecting with the people we serve.

In August, we added Snapchat to our social media platforms and we already have nearly 1,000 followers. This allows us to connect with our younger residents. This platform joins our pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

Over the year, we were able to reach nearly 27,000 people PER DAY on Facebook alone! Our ability to reach the public was almost doubled from the previous year. We enjoy our interactions with the people we serve and who live, work and play in Placer County.



Lt. Scott hugging Madison, the daughter of fallen Richmond PD Officer Bradley Moody at her 6th grade graduation party.



SEARCH & RESCUE

In 2017, more than 1,900 hours were spent on rescue missions with another 9,600

hours spent on training. These hours resulted in more than 38 rescues last year. Members of the SAR teams have many disciplines including ground searching, off-road vehicles, mounted unit, communications, and a certified mountain rescue team. Based in the North Lake Tahoe area, Tahoe Nordic Search and Rescue Team (TNSAR) operates under the direction of the Placer County Sheriff. TNSAR's 137 volunteers specialize in winter search and rescue operations.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

The most significant incident of 2017 occurred in Michigan Bluff when a suspect shot at a CHP helicopter with a high-velocity hunting rifle. He continued to shoot at both CHP's and PCSO's helicopters. SET, Hostage Negotiation Team and Explosive Ordnance Detail (bomb squad) responded. HNT established contact with the suspect, but he was uncooperative. On arrival with the armored Tactical Response Vehicle, or TRV, SET personnel were shot at by the suspect who was barricaded inside his residence. The TRV was hit by gunfire five times, and was then used to approach the residence and deliver chemical agents. The suspect immediately surrendered and was taken into custody safely.



HOMELESS LIAISON POP DEPUTIES

Over the course of 2017, the specially assigned five deputies stayed very busy tackling issues such as homelessness in the North Auburn area specifically, and the unincorporated areas of the county in general. They made business contacts, established relationships with various county government agencies, worked with the Auburn Homeless Shelter, and performed directed enforcement. In 2017, HLD and POP deputies were instrumental in reducing the impact of homelessness in the North Auburn area.

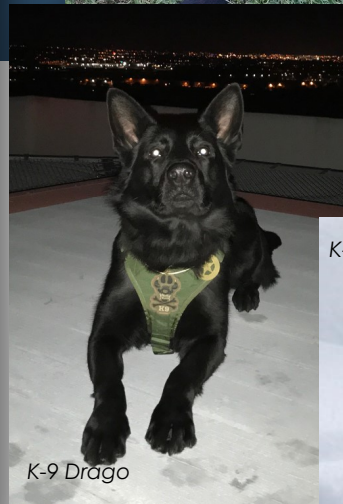
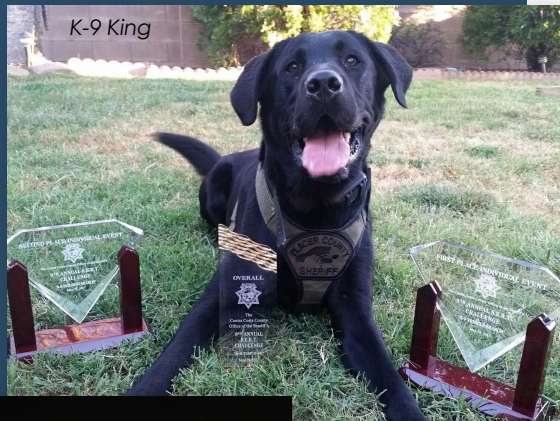


Deputy Harris helping a homeless man with his broken wheelchair

SPECIAL TEAMS CONTINUED

CANINE

Our K-9 teams were able to complete 70 requests for public demonstrations/educational events in 2017, for about 30,000 citizens. The team ended the year with three K-9 bite apprehensions and 28 no-bite apprehensions stemming from tracks/area checks and building searches. Teams had 12 successful drug finds, which ended the year with 12 K-9 narcotics arrests. Teams also had several large narcotics finds that yielded several hundred pounds of marijuana.



MARINE PATROL

Over the summer of 2017, deputies conducted 405 traffic enforcement stops - known in the boating community as compliance checks - on pleasure boaters, personal watercraft operators, kayakers and paddle boarders. Of these 405 compliance checks, 254 resulted in warnings, three resulted in arrests for boating under the influence, and 60 resulted in citations. Lake Tahoe alone has 191 miles of surface area and 72 miles of shoreline shared by five counties. The Placer Sheriff has primary law enforcement jurisdiction for more than 41 percent of the lake, including 21 miles of shoreline and is also one of only two year-round rescue vessels on Lake Tahoe.

HONOR GUARD

Fifteen deputies and sergeants make up the Placer County Honor Guard. The primary function of the honor guard is to honor those who have been killed in the line of duty, in addition to attending numerous community functions, parades and conferences posting the national colors. In 2017 the Placer County Sheriff's Honor Guard performed in over 60 events.



L-R Sergeants Pabst, Conners, Deputies Buchanan, Tedford, Sergeant Schmidt, Deputies Barker, Evans, Hill, Guerguy, Ryan, Sergeant Griffiths, Deputy Wroobel, Sergeant McKenzie, Deputy Moynier

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATION TEAM

The Sheriff's Hostage Negotiations Team had two full team callouts in 2017 and nine incidents in which HNT personnel individually responded to critical incidents and served as the primary deputy or assisted in resolving the issue. One notable HNT callout occurred on Mosquito Ridge Road in spring, 2017. The suspect shot at a CHP helicopter, SET and HNT were deployed. Communication was established, but only for a short amount of time and it was not successful. The suspect became agitated, hung up and then stopped answering the phone. He was ultimately taken into custody by SET.



Deputies Johnson, Farren and Cox

NOTABLE EVENTS OF 2017



OROVILLE DAM

On February 12, 2017, the Oroville Dam's main and emergency spillways were significantly damaged, prompting the evacuation of more than 180,000 people living downstream from the dam. With Oroville's proximity to Placer County, we assisted with this major crisis in many ways, from patrolling the abandoned streets to transporting and housing their jail inmates.

The jail transportation team was called into action to assist in evacuating hundreds of inmates from the Oroville Jail, which was downstream from the dam. The jail staff was recognized by Congressman LaMalfa for their efforts to assist their neighboring sheriff's during this emergency.

Overall our staff spent more than 1200 hours assisting Yuba, Sutter and Butte Counties.

THERE WILL BE NO TOLERANCE FOR CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT
BY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEMBERS, ON OR OFF-DUTY.
SUCH CONDUCT WILL CONSISTENTLY BE PRESENTED FOR
LEGAL REVIEW.



L-R Reserve Deputy Seeley and Lt. Borden

BATTLE OF THE BADGES

Each year, a friendly competition is held between PCSO, Auburn CHP and the Auburn Police Dept. to see who raises the most money for the local Salvation Army during the holidays. PCSO beat the competition again in 2017, and we were proud to raise money for local needs.



Sergeants Poiesz & Walton with local law enforcement partners

DETECTIVE MICHAEL DAVIS JR. FREEWAY INTERCHANGE SIGN

On July 15, the Michael D. Davis Jr. freeway interchange was dedicated at Interstate 80 and Horseshoe Bar Road in Loomis. The sign is located near the South Placer Station and serves as a daily reminder to both our employees and the general public of Mike's sacrifice. Detective Davis was killed in the line of duty on October 24, 2014.



SHERIFF BELL RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS STATEWIDE AWARD

In 2017, SET members attended the annual California Association of Tactical Officers (CATO) conference, where Sheriff Devon Bell received the statewide CATO Executive of The Year award.



Back row (L-R) Deputies Wilson, Guerguy, Smith, Powers, Detectives Alford, Neher, Deputy Tchobanoff, Detective Lyssand, Deputy Frederito, and Sergeant Glau. Front row (L-R) Deputy Jacinto, Sergeant Tindall, Detective Roseli, Sheriff Bell, Undersheriff Woo, Lieutenant Barnhart

MADD AWARD

In June, Deputy Erik Bakulich was one of only a few peace officers who received the "century award" at the regional MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) awards ceremony. Bakulich arrested more than 100 DUI drivers in 2016. (The award is given the following year, after stats are compiled statewide.) He does an excellent job of keeping impaired drivers off our roads; they are one of the biggest threats to our safety in Placer County.



Pictured above (L-R) Undersheriff Woo, Deputy Bakulich, Lt. Powers, Lt. Barnhart

NOTABLE EVENTS OF 2017 CONTINUED

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Along with the Sheriff's Auburn and Loomis Stations, the Tahoe Station participated in National Night Out (NNO) in early August. Our NNO efforts resulted in an award from the National Association of Town Watch. We placed twelfth in the nation for jurisdictions with more than 300,000 residents, just behind much larger jurisdictions like Los Angeles County and Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is the ninth straight year we have won this award.



Sheriff Bell engaging with even the smallest members of Placer County



Deputy Yarmolyuk and Canine Drago greeting neighbors



Captain Walsh with a Lake Tahoe resident



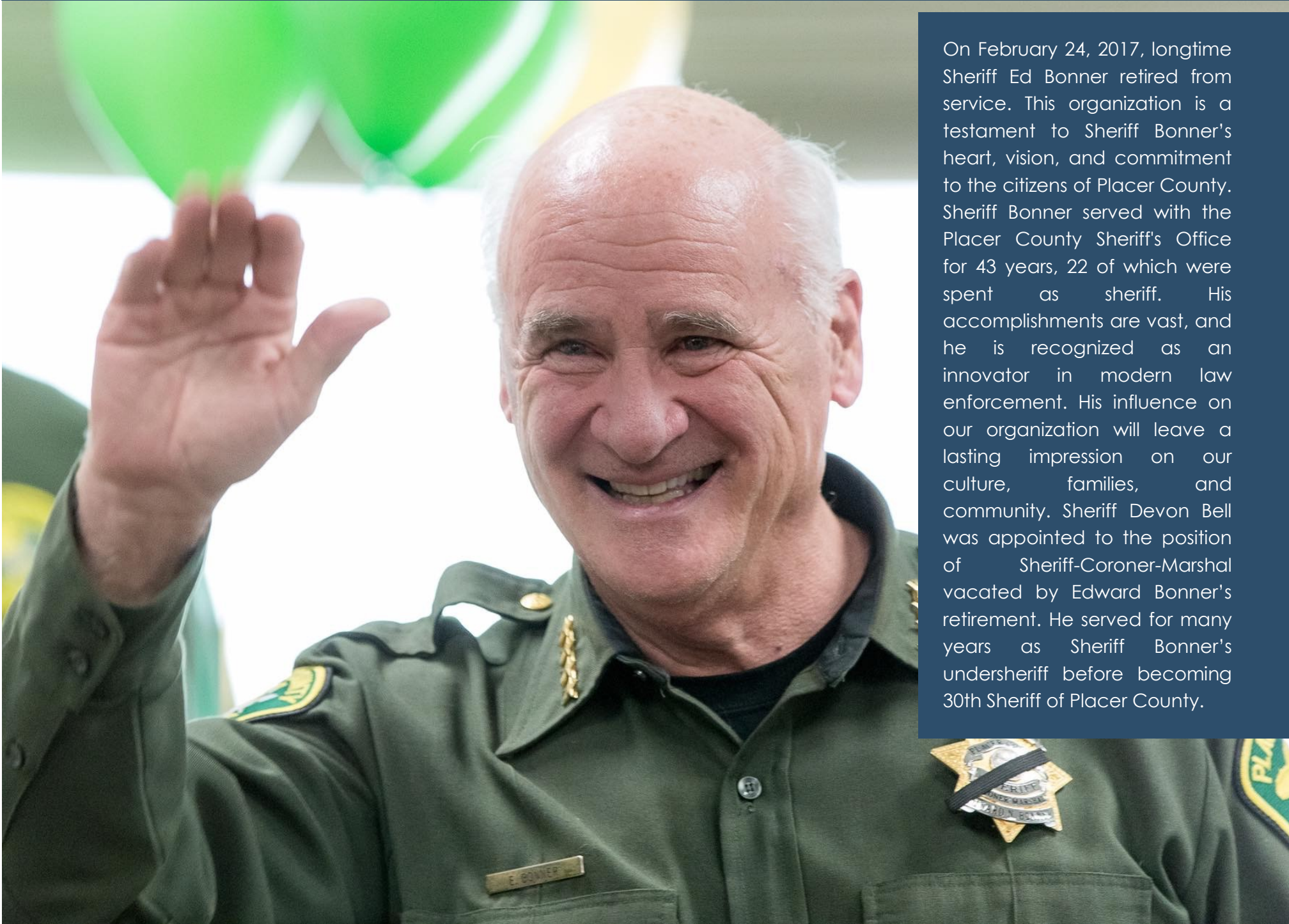
AUBURN ELKS LODGE OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Detective Tyler Neher was selected as the 2017 Elks Lodge officer of the year for his outstanding work. Tyler has worked very hard and has solved many crimes as a detective in our Property Crimes Unit. With him at the ceremony were Lt. Barnhart, left, and Detective Roseli.



(L-R) Lt. Barnhart, Detective Neher and Roseli

GOODBYE SHERIFF BONNER



On February 24, 2017, longtime Sheriff Ed Bonner retired from service. This organization is a testament to Sheriff Bonner's heart, vision, and commitment to the citizens of Placer County. Sheriff Bonner served with the Placer County Sheriff's Office for 43 years, 22 of which were spent as sheriff. His accomplishments are vast, and he is recognized as an innovator in modern law enforcement. His influence on our organization will leave a lasting impression on our culture, families, and community. Sheriff Devon Bell was appointed to the position of Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall vacated by Edward Bonner's retirement. He served for many years as Sheriff Bonner's undersheriff before becoming 30th Sheriff of Placer County.

PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



The mission of the Placer County Sheriff's Office is to maintain the quality of life we enjoy and to ensure our county is a safe place to live, work and visit. This will be accomplished through safeguarding individual liberties, building community partnerships through transparency and education, preventing crime and resolving those crimes that do occur.

We are also responsible for the professional care and custody of those confined within our jail facilities. Other duties include those of marshal, security of the courts and efficient investigation of coroner cases.

We are committed to this mission and conduct our responsibilities toward a goal of excellence and with dedication to the community we serve.